

BIG FISH IN BATTLE.

Swordfish and Whale Killed in Fierce Encounter.

Deadly Conflict Witnessed by Maine Fishermen.

Capt. Lorenzo Wotton and the two members of the crew of the 11-tonner Susie B., mackerel dragger, from Friendship, Me., witnessed a marine spectacle off Booth Island a few days ago that few mariners have ever enjoyed—a battle to the death between a swordfish and a whale, in which both were probably killed.

Capt. Wotton is a truthful man and his story is borne out by his crew, Charles Poland and Dana Miller. The three men watched the sea struggle with intense interest. Capt. Wotton is a veteran of the fishing fleet and says he has seen some of the ocean's queerest sights, but had never before witnessed such a fight as this.

"We were about three miles broad off Booth Island," said Capt. Wotton today, "when I heard a heavy splash perhaps half a mile away and looked around just in time to see the back of a whale disappear under water. At first I thought he was only playing, as whales have a playful way of coming up to the surface of the water nose first and seeming to jump almost clear out of water.

"We watched for him again and sure enough he came up very soon after having disappeared. This time it was plain that something was the matter with the big fellow. I never saw a whale in such a hurry to get out of the water nor shake himself the way this one did when he was in the air.

"We saw something else, too, but at first could hardly make out what it was. There was a big swordfish hanging to the big whale like grim death. More likely, though, the swordfish was hanging on because he couldn't help himself and would have been as glad to give us his bigger opponent.

"The swordfish's sword, which was probably three and a half feet long, was driven to the swordfish's nose into the thick of the great whale's body and was apparently reaching a tender spot, for the big one seemed to be half crazy with pain and wild to shake off his little tormentor.

"Probably the big fellow was half again as long as this vessel, and as big across as she is. He would come out of the water with a rush and go almost clear of the water almost to his tail and then curl himself up and seem to shake himself in his rage and pain.

"The swordfish simply stuck to his business and stuck out of the whale's side as stiff as a ramrod at first. We saw that whale come out of the water a dozen times, and each time he seemed to be getting weaker. Anyway it was plain to be seen that he was trying to shake off the swordfish. The little fellow was getting weaker, too, and before we saw the last of him hung limply.

"No doubt he would have been glad to let go if he could, but he couldn't. A swordfish's sword wasn't made to kill whales with, but to cut mackerel and cod in two. Once he had driven it into the whale he had no way of backing out, and probably it would have taken a horse to haul it out, judging from the terrible blow with which they drive their swords through the oak planking of a vessel, or a.

"Anyway he didn't let go and they both went down together. Probably the whale was tuckered out and dropped to bottom to die."

"What became of the swordfish? He's dead by this time, too. No thing living could long stand such a wallop about as he got. If he lived through that he went to the bottom with the whale and will either starve to death or drown."

SEASON'S LEADER.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey Makes Grand Stock.

\$402 EACH FOR SHARESMEN.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson's Big Fare Brought \$10,556.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson of Boothbay, Capt. Clayton Morrissey of this city, has just taken out a record-breaking fare of salt cod, and her young hustling commander is being congratulated on all hands.

The Nickerson weighed off 335,000 pounds of salt cod. This is not only the largest fare of the season, but also one of the biggest ever landed by a two-trip banker. On this big lot of fish the magnificent stock of \$10,556 was made, easily this season's leader and one of the best made in recent years on a salt bank trip.

AS WAS EXPECTED.

Sch. Elector Brings Her Usual Big Salt Cod Fare.

Has 320,000 Pounds from the Grand Bank.

If Capt. Orlando Vanamberg of sch. Elector should come home with anything like a poor fare, everybody would be surprised, therefore when he arrived last evening with 320,000 pounds of salt cod in his good craft, all took it as a matter of course, for this great salt fisherman has for year after year been coming and going, and always leading or being very close to the leader of the fleet.

The fare, which is one of the best of the season, was taken entirely on the Grand Bank. Capt. Vanamberg says that he did not fish to the westward at all, and spoke none of the bankers where he was fishing.

From what he heard by talking with the captains of Gloucester bankers at Newfoundland ports, he learned that most of the vessels had not done as well as last year. The majority of them had fished to the westward on the Scattarie grounds and on Quero Bank and found fish comparatively scarce. Some of the vessels as usual had done well and sch. Maggie and May had a good fare.

As prices are high and will probably advance, Capt. Vanamberg will make one of the very best trips of the year.

Thursday, Oct 2,

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Elector, Grand Bank, 320,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Ralph A. Eaton, Georges, 40,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. M. H. Perkins, Georges, 45,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Pinta, Quero Bank, 5000 lbs. cod, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Harvard, Quero Bank, 40,000 lbs. cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod (in addition to halibut reported yesterday).
Sch. Pythian, via Boston.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, via Boston.
Sch. James Drinan, via Boston.
Sch. Clara R. Harwood, via Boston.
Sch. Ruth M. Martin, via Boston.
Sch. Vigilant, LaHave Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Harvester, LaHave Bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. hake, 10,000 lbs. cusk.
Sch. Hiram Lowell, seining.
Sch. Tacoma, Quero Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large headline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium do.,

\$3.00; large trawl Georges, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; headline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.00; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.00; medium do., \$2.62 1-2; large dory headline cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.87 1-2.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: large, \$1.90, medium, \$1.35; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.35; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, \$1.25; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales of straight Georges cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large and \$3. for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$2.75 for medium.

Outside sales of shack salt cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$2.87 for medium.

Outside sales fresh cod, \$1.90 per cwt. for large and \$1.35 for medium.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt. Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.

Flithead halibut, 6 1-2 cts. per lb. Halibut fins, \$10 per bbl. Maine Coast salt herring, \$3.75 per bbl. Hake sounds, 15 1-2 cts. per lb. Fresh mackerel, 12 1-2 cts. apiece. Large salt mackerel, \$18.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Seaconnet, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. I. J. Merritt, Jr., 3500 haddock, 13,000 cod, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Massachusetts, 60,000 halibut.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 26,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Lizzie Griffin, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Julia Costa, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mary G. Powers, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Metamora, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Caviare, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Isaac Collins, 6000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 9000 cod.
Sch. Volant, 16,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.35; large cod, \$3 to